Claims 1 to 49 were presented by Applicants. The Examiner rejected claims 1-9, 11, 14-22, 25-35 and 37-49, and objected to claims 10, 12, 13, 23, 24 and 36 as including allowable subject matter though dependent upon rejected base claims.

Accordingly, claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, 11, 14, 16, 18, 24, and 31 are amended. Claims 2, 9-10, 12-13, 15, 23, 25-30, 35-36, and 39-49 are canceled. No new matter is being added.

These amendments overcome the Examiner's objection by presenting subject matter previously deemed allowable by the Examiner in independent form. As such, the Examiner is asked to enter the amendment and issue a notice of allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone, mail or electronic mail if any issues remain outstanding prior to allowance. Applicants acknowledge that a copy of any electronic mail communications will be made of record in the application file per MPEP § 502.03.

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